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Carbondale City Hall listed on National Register

On March 1, Susan M. Zacher, National Register Coordinator of the Bureau for Historic Preservation of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, notified Mayor Fred J. Mancuso, Carbondale Historical Society President S. Robert Powell, and Lackawanna County Commissioner Robert W. Pettinato that, as of Jan. 6, 1983, Carbondale City Hall was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Created by an Act of Congress in 1966, the National Register of Historic Places is maintained by the National Park Service according to strict criteria. It serves as the official inventory of districts, objects, sites, buildings and structures that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture.

Carbondale City Hall is a detached, masonry (brick and Pennsylvania bluestone) building, in the Romanesque Revival style, composed of a tower, a three-story wing and a two-story wing. The building was designed by Truman I. Lacey of Binghamton, and constructed in 1893-1894, under the architect's supervision, by W.D. Stevens of Binghamton and George H. Tryon of Carbondale. The dressed bluestone and trimmings for the building were supplied by Frank Carlucci of Scranton, from his quarry at Nicholson.

Present-day City Hall is Carbondale's third City Hall. Carbondale's first City Hall, a rectangular wooden building in the Greek Revival style, was erected in 1852 on the site now occupied by the two-story wing of Carbondale City Hall. The 1852 building was destroyed by a fire on February 14, 1860, and was replaced by a two-story brick building, which was erected in 1860 on the same site. The 1860 building is still standing in downtown Carbondale: it is the two-story wing of present-day City Hall. In 1893-1894, Truman I. Lacey designed a new interior and a new roof for the 1860 building and incorporated it into his design for present-day Carbondale City Hall.